

## SCED begins visit to Beijing (with photos)

The Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development, Mr Algernon Yau, began his visit programme to Beijing today (January 10) and called on the Director of the Hong Kong and Macao Affairs Office of the State Council, Mr Xia Baolong.

Mr Yau gave Mr Xia an overview of the latest situation and the way forward in key areas of work of the Commerce and Economic Development Bureau (CEDB), including attracting enterprises and investment, expanding global economic and trade network, exploring emerging markets, developing Hong Kong into a regional intellectual property trading centre as well as assisting enterprises in better integrating into the national development. Mr Xia fully recognised the work of the CEDB.

Mr Yau expressed his gratitude to Mr Xia for his encouragement and support. The Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) Government will press ahead in building a vibrant economy to enhance competitiveness and give full play to Hong Kong's distinctive advantages of enjoying strong support of the motherland and being closely connected to the world under "one country, two systems". The CEDB will continue to assist local and overseas enterprises in tapping the opportunities of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area and participating in the Belt and Road Initiative, thereby contributing to the high-quality development of the country.

In the afternoon, Mr Yau visited the ark space lab of Yinhe Hangtian (Beijing) Internet Technology Co Ltd (GalaxySpace) to learn about the company's developments in satellite technologies.

He also visited the Office of the Government of the HKSAR in Beijing and attended a dinner with Hong Kong residents and businessmen in Beijing to understand their developments on the Mainland.

Mr Yau will continue his visit to Beijing tomorrow (January 11).

